



Timely Tidbits ...

Haunted Cemetery Tour

A guided tour of Van Buren Township's oldest cemetery, established in 1832, is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, October 10 (rain date: October 11). The event, sponsored by the Belleville Area Historical Society in conjunction with the Belleville Area Museum and the Charter Township of Van Buren, promises to be a fun family event geared for history and ghost lovers of all ages.

Participants are encouraged to arrive at Soop Cemetery (on Old Denton Road between Harbour Club apartments and Belleville Lake) between 6 and 7 p.m. to enjoy the entire tour. Flashlights are recommended!

Participants will discover how the cemetery got its unusual name, where gold is buried, and which graves are empty and why. They will also see the grave with "curse" carved upon it, hear the story of the ghost-village of Rawsonville, see the grave of a woman said to be a witch, and hear stories of the ghosts said to inhabit the cemetery.

Cost is \$7 for adults; \$3.50 for children under 17, and free for children under 5. All proceeds go to benefit the Belleville Area Museum.

Tickets are available at the Museum, Belleville City Hall, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Fred C. Fischer Library, and Van Buren Township Hall (Tyler Road).

Romulus Primary Cuts 2

The Romulus Primary Election held September 15 eliminated mayoral candidate Charles Sharrow and clerk contender Rendell Wooden.

In the contest for mayor, incumbent Alan R. Lambert had a comfortable lead with 1,493 votes (60%). Challenger Harry Crout, currently a member of the City Council, garnered 579 votes, and Sharrow finished with 405.

With no incumbent running in the competition for clerk, Raymond Cantrell, who held the office more than 25 years ago, came out on top with 872 votes (nearly 36%). Current Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg followed closely with 805, and Wooden, the City's current elections clerk, finished the tight race with 750.

A total of 2,504 ballots were cast.

Taylor City Council Candidates Share Views



Jill Brandana



Cheryl Burke



Frank Canning



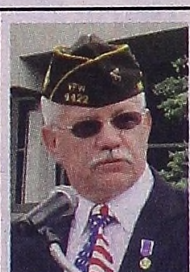
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Rick Flood



Jacklyn Molner



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Douglas Reimel



Rick Sollars



Dennis Stapleton



Suzanne Weycker



Timothy Witz

In order to give voters a chance to acquaint themselves with possibly unfamiliar candidates running for Taylor City Council on November 3, *the little paper* invited all 14 to submit a letter (up to 300 words) about themselves and their campaigns. Everyone but Jennifer Lane and Edward Mulka participated. The candidates' letters, along with their contact information, follow. (To avoid the appearance of favoritism, candidates are listed in alphabetical order according to their last names.)

JILL BRANDANA

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Dear Taylor residents:

My name is Jill Brandana. I am 46 years old, married, and a lifelong resident of the City of Taylor. My parents taught me the value of hard work, commitment, and integrity. Throughout their lives, they demonstrated to me the importance of community involvement. I decided long ago that I want to serve my community through government. So, while working full time in a legal office, I went to college at night and on weekends, earned my Master's Degree in Public Administration/Government, and learned the skills to get things done.

In 2005, I ran for Taylor City Council and was elected Chairwoman Pro Tem. Since then, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you and helping you get what you need from city government. I also got an inside look at how Taylor city government is not working for people like us.

I chose to serve my community through elected office because I felt that is where I could have the most impact on people's everyday lives, and perhaps make a difference. I soon learned that old government is hard to change. Tax money wasted on ridiculous expenditures, high-paid political appointments, and team politics have obstructed my efforts.

For the last four years, I have worked very hard to bring open government to Taylor. I ask the hard questions in an effort to maintain *checks and balances*. It has been challenging, but, with your support, I am up to the task.

I am running for re-election, and I am excited about the choices before the voters this year. Take a close look at each candidate. Do you want someone like me, who will be independent, or someone else, who will just rubber-stamp business as usual?

Vote independent. Vote to re-elect Jill Brandana for Taylor City Council.

CHERYL BURKE

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Dear Taylor residents:

Taylor has been my family's home for over five generations. My husband Fred and I, our parents, children and grandchildren all live here. We own and operate a Taylor family business, Burke Tools. We have witnessed the transformation of our city over the years. We have also seen wonderful enhancements take shape, including Heritage Park, the Conservatory, the Sports Plex, two golf courses and continuing improvements to major streets.

It is my desire to work for Taylor to build a welcoming community that enables families and business to grow and thrive.

Controlling spending, in an effort to balance the budget, is of the utmost importance to me. The focus for the council should be to provide quality city services, including street repair and maintenance, expert fire and police protection, crime reduction and neighborhood improvements.

Respect for our senior citizens is also an area that I am passionate about. Our senior citizens are the backbone of our community. Their efforts and involvement helped lay the foundation for Taylor to become the emergent community it is today.

Additionally, we need to collaborate with our school board whenever possible in order to overcome obstacles and provide an excellent learning environment for our children. Our children are our future and therefore our most important asset.

Transparency in our city government is also a priority for me. Residents and business owners deserve to know where their tax dollars are being spent. We must utilize readily available technology to bring user-friendly access to the city budget and other public information.

Given the opportunity to serve the citizens of Taylor, I intend to focus on these issues to build a stronger community. To find out more about my platforms for progress, visit www.cburke4taylor.com. Thank you for your support, prayers and votes on November 3rd!

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Letter to the Editor

Mayoral Candidate Disputes Lambert Letter

To the Editor:

Just before the September 15 primary election, Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert sent a letter to Romulus Athletic Club (RAC) members. In that letter, he stated, "Both of my opponents in the upcoming election think the RAC is a waste of money and unnecessary."

Speaking for myself, as one of those opponents, this is not the truth. In my current role as a City Councilman, I voted "yes" on the RAC. Residents who watch our council meetings will know that the statement I made when I voted was, "I'm voting 'yes' because our residents, our children, and our grandchildren need somewhere to go and something to do."

Later, an issue came before the council pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Department moving from the Downtown Development Authority building, which was remodeled for the department at a cost of \$80,000. They were there a year and a half, and did not pay one penny in rent. Next, the administration transferred the department to the RAC. They were there for six months, and didn't pay a penny in rent. Then the administration came up with the idea to charge the Parks and Recreation Department \$140,000 a year for office space rent, and wanted to charge them back rent, as well. I was against using taxpayer dollars to pay rent on office space. I voted "no" on that issue.

We need to come up with ways to keep the RAC open. I would like to see lower

membership fees for our residents, and make the money up on volume. I was upset when I heard that Northwest Airlines employees who are nonresidents received a lower rate at the RAC than our residents who pay taxes here in Romulus. They got a 40% discount off Romulus rates, paying \$240 for a family membership. Our resident family plan is \$400. Our residents are paying \$160 more than Airport employees.

The RAC cost \$26 million. The Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) board took out an \$18-million bond to be paid off, with interest, over a 20-year period. We need to do everything possible to make sure the RAC is successful.

I am against using taxpayer dollars for operation costs. The administration has stated that the operating costs would come from memberships and sponsors. I asked the administration where the money would come from if we didn't get enough from memberships and sponsors. The State of Michigan requires it to be self-supporting or have a plan to achieve that goal. Our plan includes using TIFA dollars in the interim.

I have family members who belong to the RAC and use its facilities. I have never said that the RAC is a waste of money or unnecessary. If you want to see my voting records, you can go to the Clerk's Office at City Hall and see for yourself.

Sincerely,

Councilman Harry Crout
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Norfleet Gets St. John's Lodge Scholarship



Randall Norfleet (center) – a member of the St. Luke Chapter #1 Federal Order of Eagles Youth Fraternity – was recently presented with the William Van Black, Sr. Award, a \$500 scholarship from St. John's Lodge #44. The Romulus High School graduate, who maintained a 3.76 GPA, rose above 175 upperclassmen to become the first freshman research assistant at University of Michigan Hospital this fall. Norfleet also won the State of Michigan Band Directors Award and the Social Studies Departmental Award; was a National Honor Society and Robotics Club member; and received several other scholarships. Attending the presentation were (from left) St. John's Assistant Secretary John Bradley (Past Master), William Van Black, Sr. (Past Master), Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Most Worshipful Grand Master Clarence Round, Jr. (F&AM, Prince Hall, Jurisdiction of Michigan), Linda Mitchell (Norfleet's mother), Doris Mitchell (grandmother), Nelson Blankenship (Past Master), and Worshipful Master Alonzo Greer, Jr.

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Romulus Parade of Lights, Pumpkin Festival Put Focus on Family Fun



Saturday afternoon's sack races were among several competitions that brought old-time charm to the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival. Photo by R. E. Kadam

Another successful Parade of Lights and Pumpkin Festival drew thousands of people from all over southeast Michigan to the City of Romulus the weekend of September 18-20.

Kicking things off at 8 p.m. on Friday was the Romulus Rotary-sponsored parade, which featured brilliantly illuminated vehicles and floats decorated in a variety of fall themes. First-place prizes were awarded in four categories based on votes cast by the public at the Rotary's festival booth. The winners were:

- Commercial Division: "Tow Mater"
- Motorized Division: "Dead Beat Dad"
- Nonmotorized Division: "Cruiser Bike Club"
- School Division: Romulus High School Band

The festival itself offered numerous entertainments. Highlights included live music, a tractor show, historical exhibits, and craft booths. The annual Frank Ayers Memorial BINGO program not only raised \$2,500 for the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund, but also found new homes for four kittens. The Cruisin' 2009 Car Show – which featured Bob Bennett's "Best of Show" '58 Corvette – netted \$3,800 for the Randy Hicks Benefit Fund. A used-books sale raised money for the Friends of the Romulus Library, and various breakfast and dinner programs aided other worthy causes. Giving the festival a real old-time flavor were competitions in everything from pie baking to pie eating.

Contest winners included:

SUNFLOWER-GROWING CONTESTS

- Dave Terry with Jeremy, Nicholas, and Samantha (largest face)
- Yavette Williams (tallest)

CANNING CONTESTS

- Ann Brown (pickles – bread & butter)
- Jim and Sandy Chapman (tomatoes)
- Nina Ozog (pickles – dill)

PIE-BAKING CONTESTS

- Gayle Mach (pumpkin)
- Daniel Tatomer (apple; peach; sweet potato)

PIE-EATING CONTESTS

- Andrew Eves (age 5)
- Nevaeh Doucet (ages 6-7)
- Hannah Baynesan (ages 8-9)
- Katlyn Adkins (age 10)
- Tyler Stratham (age 11)
- Michael Kato (ages 12-13)
- James Chapman (ages 15 and up)
- Justin Chapman (adults)

PUMPKIN-ROLLING CONTESTS

- Maria Walker (ages 2-3)
- Margon Fatherree (ages 2-4)
- Carson Irwin (age 5)
- Anija McClendon (age 6)
- Montez Scott (age 7)
- Caleb Chapman (age 8)
- Joshua Chapman (ages 9-10)
- Quinn Chapman (ages 11-13)
- James Chapman (ages 15 and up)

SACK RACES

- Marjon Fatherree (ages 2-3)
- KeMi Underwood (ages 3-5)
- Zoey Smith (age 6)
- Miles Battle (ages 7-8/boys)
- Savannah Crist (ages 7-8/girls)
- Joshua Chapman (ages 9-10/boys)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (ages 9-10/girls)
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CLOTHESPIN DROP

- Aveleen Harvey (ages 2-3)
- Montavious Archie (ages 4-5)
- Christa Evans (age 6)
- Shayla Downing (age 7)
- Jeffrey Milliere (age 8)
- Jacob Maki (age 10)
- James Chapman (ages 12 and up)

DOGGIE DISC CATCH

- Scott Jones and "Bolareo" (pro division)
- Amy McGraw and "Mocha" (novice division)

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Taylor City Council Candidates Share Their Views

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FRANK CANNING

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Dear Taylor residents:

My life has been all about public service in Taylor. With that foundation, I am seeking a seat on the City Council to serve my hometown.

I follow in the service footsteps of my late grandfather Edward and late father Francis, who served in the military. My late mother Clara served as one of the many "Rosie the Riveters," making B-24 bombers that helped our country win World War II.

I became a Taylor police officer, retiring after 30 years at the rank of lieutenant. I am proud that my son Frank followed in my footsteps and is a Taylor officer today.

After retiring, I used my bachelor's degree in business management from Cleary University to operate a business. I continue to chair the Taylor Police and Fire Civil Service Commission and serve on the Taylor Recreation Commission, American Warriors Museum Commission, and the Wayne County Gun Board.

Serving as a Taylor councilman is the next step. I am proud to run as a member of an amazing team headed by our great Mayor, Cameron Priebe.

As a police officer, I interacted with many residents. I feel I am in touch with their concerns, and would work to keep Taylor a great place to live, work, and raise a family. As a husband and father of three, I am well aware of the need to provide quality education and recreation programs for our children.

Here are several ideas to improve our city:

- Form a citizens academy to observe police/firefighting services.
- Work with Taylor Career Center students to guide them in their career paths with a focus on real-world applications in Taylor.
- Make building permits available online.
- Establish flex hours at City Hall to extend hours for site plan permits.

I hope my lifetime experience makes a difference in Taylor.

JOHN E. DELO

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Dear Taylor residents:

My name is John Delo, and I am a 68-year resident of Taylor and former City Council Chairman. First elected to the Council in 1981, I served until 1994, when I resigned to seek the City's Director of Personnel post – a position I held until my retirement in 1998.

I left the City believing that Taylor had made great advances in community infrastructure, services, opportunities, and pride. We built new police and fire stations, two golf courses, and a new DPW and animal shelter. City Hall was remodeled. We opened the Taylor Community Library, and

created a series of new parks and recreation facilities, including our beautiful Heritage Park. Fifty-five miles of dirt roads were paved or blacktopped, over 500 derelict and/or burned-out houses were torn down and removed, and the annual spring floods that often covered Taylor streets were brought under control. Taylor was well on its way to becoming a Downriver showplace. Of greatest importance during this period was our adherence to the City's ability to pay for our projects and respect for our annual budget.

Since my departure, I have witnessed a lack of leadership, unwise decisions, petty bickering, wasteful spending, and disregard for budgetary constraints among councilpersons. I have decided to seek return to the Council because I believe I have the proven leadership abilities and experience to help turn our city around. I cannot stand by and watch the city I love become less than it was meant to be. I am ready, prepared, and anxious to help lead Taylor's resurgence.

I have chaired the City's Solid Waste Commission and founded the Arts and Beautification Commission. A licensed residential builder and Taylor businessman, I also taught biology in Taylor, and was the president of the Taylor Federation of Teachers and vice-president of the Michigan Federation.

RICK FLOOD

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Why I am running:

Collectively we have to do more with less. My candidacy for City Council in Taylor was and is born out of a strong desire to see that the instrument of city government put its resources behind the need to stabilize our neighborhoods to get past the housing crisis we find ourselves in. I have to acknowledge that we face some serious immediate issues that could lead to long-term structural deficits, and those need to be solved as well. The important thing for all Taylor residents to remember is that the issues we face were not created overnight, so the solutions will take time.

I get asked whether we will have to cut essential services like police and fire services. The truth is my team members who have experience as elected city officials have a proven track record of keeping essential services in line with the needs of our citizens. I will do the same if I am elected.

My academic experience as a city planner – as well as my professional experience with managing staff, delivering on large public projects, and making executive decisions on behalf of my neighborhood associations since 1999 – qualifies me to represent the citizens of Taylor as a city councilman.

I have served on the Planning Commission since 2007. I also served on the Citizens Steering Committee that developed our current Master Plan. The plan was adopted by City Council this year. I also participated in updating the zoning ordi-

nance to reflect the newly adopted Master Plan. I have also been a member of the Downtown Development Authority since 2007.

I have practical experience in community service that will be used to help shape city government in efficient ways to solve issues we face for the long run.

JACKLYN MOLNER

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As Chairwoman and long-serving member of your City Council, I have had the pleasure to talk with many of our residents. This keeps me in touch with your issues and concerns.

My background in Planning, Zoning, and 12 years of service on City Council have given me the experience in community leadership needed to deal with the tough financial issues facing this city.

I will continue to focus on issues such as quality education, recycling, recreation programs for our children, and services for senior and disabled residents.

I pride myself on being easily accessible to any citizen of Taylor. I will continue to work diligently on your behalf.

- current City Council Chairwoman
- member, Taylor Planning Commission (1990-1997); chairwoman for two years
- member, Taylor Zoning Board of Appeals (1989-1997)
- member, Selective Service Board (Presidential appointment)
- member, Master Plan Steering Committee
- member, Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee
- member, local U.S. Census Bureau Committee
- supporter, Neighborhood Stabilization Program

- supporter, Taylor Care Program
- member, Taylor Democratic Club
- member, 15th Congressional District Democratic Organization
- member, Downtown District Authority

HERMAN "Butch" RAMIK

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Dear Taylor residents:

I am seeking re-election as your Taylor City Councilman because I have a strong sense of duty to this community. Every decision I have made and will make reflects my honest desire to do what is best for Taylor as a whole. Strong, proven leadership is what is needed now. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to keep this city on track for the future.

Over the next four years, we will be facing even more budget cuts. Not many would want to accept such a challenge, but good leaders are found in tough times. I feel that I have the leadership qualities needed to move this community forward.

I will take steps to rewrite our City Charter. It has served its time, but is now outdated.

We must set a standard to prohibit elected officials from accepting employment with the City until two years after leaving office. Past elected officials have greatly benefited from this practice, and set themselves up to get unjustified pensions from our community. I am proud to say this has not occurred on my watch, nor will it when I am reelected.

Voting Record:

- supported ethics ordinance
- supported moratorium on apartment and condo construction
- helped bring an end to the ticket-writing detail

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Barden Recognized for Community Service



Romulus City Councilman John Barden was presented with a 2009 Outstanding Community Service Award by World Ultimate Breaking Council founders Richard Bell Jr., master instructor of the Romulus Red Dragons martial arts group, and grandmaster Marshall Dixon Bey of Detroit's Motor City Panthers. Barden also competed in the WUBC's Senior Open Breakoff in July, and, with no prior training, won first place. His efforts resulted in his nomination to the group's 2010 Hall of Fame.

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Ilich Is Taylor's 2009 Department of Public Works Employee of the Year



DPW Employee of the Year Dave Ilich was congratulated by Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe (right) and Water Department Director and City Engineer Craig Lyon. Photo by Dave Gorgon

By Erica Wilson

Dave Ilich, who has worked for the City of Taylor for the last decade, has been named 2009 Department of Public Works Employee of the Year. The lifelong Taylor resident was honored by City elected officials during a recent council meeting.

Ilich was praised for his "extremely high professional standards and dedicated service" in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

Ilich was hired in April 1999 as a tem-

porary laborer, and hired as a permanent laborer in May 2000. He has worked as a mechanic and sign truck operator, assisted on water main breaks, and performed snow removal, among other duties.

Recently, Ilich was assigned to the DPW cement crew, where he has excelled and become a major asset to the division.

In addition to a proclamation signed by Taylor officials, Ilich was the recipient of a proclamation from State Representative Douglas Geiss (D-Taylor). □

TPD Unveils New Police Statue

On September 14, in celebration of its 50th anniversary, the Taylor Fraternal Order of Police unveiled a new bronze statue in front of the police station at 23515 Goddard Road. Called "The Protector," it depicts an officer holding the hand of a little girl. It is a custom rendering of the modern-day Taylor police uniform, but the badge number takes it back to the department's earli-

est days. Retired Lt. Peter Toma, Badge #3, joined the force in 1951 and was the first president of the Taylor Fraternal Order of Police. The name tag on the officer, however, has no one officer's name, but simply says "Friend."

FOP commissioned the piece in 2007, and was the first donor to the fund-raising campaign with a \$10,000 contribution.



(From left) Cpls. John McDonald, Donald Farago, Jon Gersky, and Joe Chadwick of the Taylor Police Department Color Guard were among those who took part in the unveiling of the new bronze statue.

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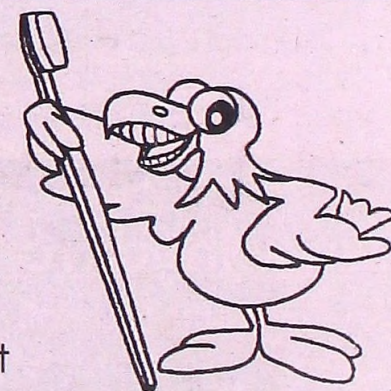
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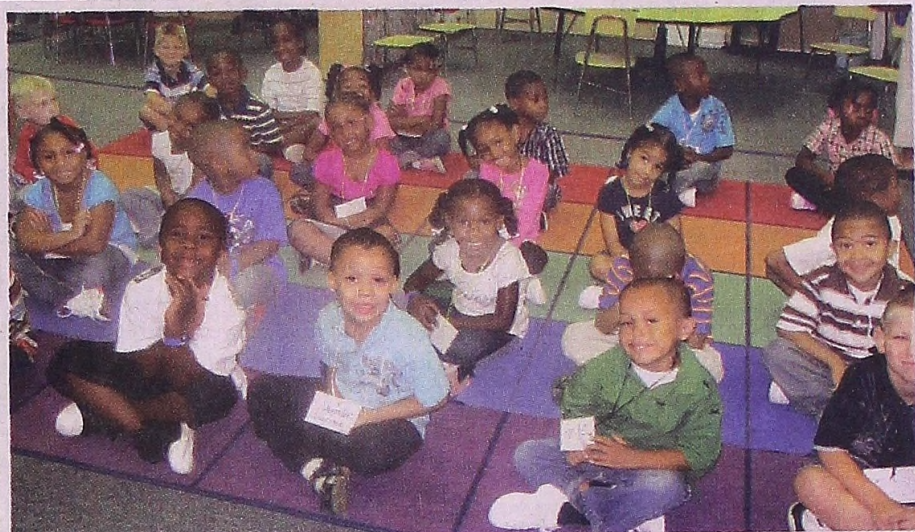
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Around Romulus Schools



On the first day of school, Wick Elementary kindergarten teacher Marilyn Wood took the first in a planned series of pictures for a school-year timeline.



Cory Elementary School commemorated Patriot Day with a flag-raising ceremony and moment of silence. The annual event remembers the 2,974 casualties in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Cory students who assisted with the flag-raising included: (from left) Talyia Bell, Layth Douglas, D'Angelo Contesso, Malik Jones, and Kenneth Ponder.



Romulus High School's hospitality/foods classes embrace a higher-education atmosphere and philosophy by working with local colleges to create programs that allow students to earn up to 12 college credits. Representatives from these colleges and local businesses also come to the school to do demonstrations. Most recently, the Art Institute of Michigan sent Rachel Brown to give students an overview of her school's programs. Her informative presentation explained many options and scholarship opportunities. Future visits from Johnson and Walls, Henry Ford Community College, and Washtenaw Community College are planned. (Pictured are fifth-hour hospitality and foods students with Brown and RHS department head Charles Usztics.)

Parade, Pumpkin Festival Offered Fun for All

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MARSHMALLOW RACES

- Maria Walker (ages 2-3)
- Sha'Kyiah Kato (ages 4-5)
- Bella Kirksey (age 5)
- Samantha Fyfe (age 6)
- Ashley Kato (ages 7-8)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (age 9)
- Joshua Chapman (ages 10 and up)

AIRPLANE RACES

- Samantha Fyfe (ages 5-6)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (ages 8-9)
- Keith Trottier (ages 10-11)
- Quinn Chapman (ages 12 and up)
- Mason Robbins (miscellaneous)

TREASURE HUNTS

- Maria Walker (ages 2-3)
- Connor Zachary (ages 4-6)
- Caleb Chapman (ages 7-9)
- Katlyn Adkins (age 10)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

The staff at *the little paper* would like to congratulate Gurpreet Samra, children's librarian at the Romulus Public Library, who will be leaving at the end of this week to assume the director's position at the Ecorse Public Library.

Best wishes, Preet, for continued success!

"HONORABLE MENTION"

Other children and adults who deserve recognition for their participation in the various contests and races include: Phyllis Andrzejewski, Christian Audette, Angelina Barton, Amiya Battle, Wynndon Battle, Gabrielle Baynesan, Hannah Baynesan, Madison Britt, Joshua Brown, Paula Brown, Miranda Brudinski, DiShante Butler, Matthew Cahill, Alyssa Chapman, Vincent Ciccarelli, Tanaiya Clemons, Gerdon Cole, Jarell Crawford, John Denton, Beverly Ducey, Adelina Elwart, Olivia Elwart, Morgan Evans, Bradley Eves, Linda Gray, Mason Gray, MyKenzie Hamilton, Riley Hamilton, Brittany Harris, Desiny Haskins, James Hemingway, Kennedy Irwin, Kristen Koty, Lexi Lyon, Katie Mackens, Lawrence Martin, Hayley McKinney, Stephanie McKinney, Charles Miller, Ronald Moody, Gia Nreron, Dominek Padia, Nicholas Paige, Bryan Poet, John Poet, Justin Prybyla, Nicole Prybyla, V. Ramsey, Julius Rea, Kevin Rigby, Braden Riley, Hayden Riley, Bryce Robbins, Colton Robbins, Zayne Robbins, Allee Schellenberger, Daelan Scott, Laila Scott, Derek Sears, Duke Sears, Faith Sheptoski-Forbush, Ashton Sklar, Ava Sklar, Justin Sklar, Kevin Sklar, Brittinie Smith, Brenden Souva, DeAngelo Stovall, Hannah Varner, Aurora Wasilewski, Matt Watson, Edward Williams, Karra Yeramian, Ben Zuaowski.

Editor's note: Thanks to the City of Romulus for providing information on contest winners.

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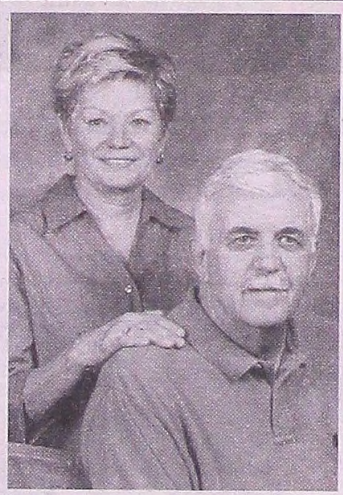
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Taylor City Council Candidates Share Their Views

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- recommended and established a special police unit to save jobs
- established the Taylor American Warriors Museum ("The nation that forgets its warriors will itself be forgotten.")

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To the readers of *the little paper*:

I would like to introduce myself: I am Doug Reimel. I was born and raised in Taylor, attended St. John's Lutheran School (eight years), and graduated from Taylor Truman High School. I earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Wayne County Community College. My father and I have been in business for 46 years; we own and operate Prop & Sail, Inc. / Angler's Marine on Telegraph. Dur-

ing the years in business, I have learned many valuable lessons working with my customers and friends.

Friends, I am running as an Independent candidate for Taylor City Council. This is definitely a big step for me. I never thought I would run for a public office, but our community needs fresh leadership with new ideas to lead us through the difficult times. John F. Kennedy once said: "... and so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." I hear my community calling for reforms and changes. Unlike the current administration, your tax dollars do not go towards my health care and pension.

Therefore, I ask for your *vote* on November 3, 2009. With your *vote*, we can make a difference.

Together, we can:

- have safe streets
- reduce the cost of living
- stabilize our neighborhoods
- bring jobs to our community
- have Group Home regulations
- bring our fireworks back

To my family, friends, fellow citizens, and neighbors, I pledge to represent you with integrity and honor. I will watch over your tax money knowing full well that it is your money.

Again, I ask for you to vote for me, *Doug Reimel*, on November 3.

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Dear Taylor residents:

The future of our city is directly related to the success of young families taking their place among older, more established residents. Citizens of Taylor depend on their elected officials to make the right decisions, and I take that responsibility very seriously.

Being a business owner as well as a member of the Planning Commission has enabled me to see the needs of our community as a whole. As a City Councilman, I have thought long and hard about each and every decision that I make, knowing that

the people I speak for are counting on my honesty and integrity.

My commitment to you is to help create a vibrant yet stable City through sound fiscal management.

About Me:

- lifelong Taylor resident
- married to Alicia
- son, Carson
- graduate, Taylor Center High School
- coach, Taylor Northeast Little League
- owner, Kut-Rite Manufacturing
- vice president, Galaxy Group
- vice president, Elkins Machine & Tool
- president, Multi Machining Capabilities
- member, Sons of the American Legion
- member, Planning Commission
- member, Democratic Club, Taylor
- former member of Taylor Zoning Board of Appeals, Master Plan Steering Committee, and Housing Commission

I am proud to currently be endorsed by the UAW Region 1A, Michigan Democratic Party – 15th District, and State Representative Doug Geiss.

DENNIS E. STAPLETON

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Dear Taylor residents:

For 20 years, I have been actively involved in Taylor City government. I was first elected City Constable in 1989; I have now served a total of four years on City Council. I have also served 18 years on the T.I.F.A./Brownfield Authority, and 11 years on the Water Commission.

I have been part of the city changing from dirt roads and flooded streets and basements to the modern city Taylor is today. Most neighborhoods now have paved, well-lighted streets with nearby parks and/or some of the best recreation facilities in the Downriver area.

While these accomplishments are important, the redevelopment of Taylor's infrastructure has been even more vital. The improvements made to Telegraph, Northline, Eureka, and Ecorse have made it possible for the City to compete for new commercial and industrial developments. These improvements help Taylor twofold, enhancing the commercial tax base as well as creating much needed jobs for our residents.

In these economic times, it is important to have experienced leaders, willing to fight for our share of State and Federal monies to continue to invest in our City and keep it on the right track to the future. The Priebe Team has a proven record of providing that vision and experience.

SUZANNE L. WEYCKER

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Dear Taylor residents:

Over the past four years, I have worked hard and I have learned valuable elements to represent the citizens of Taylor. I feel we have made some very positive changes, but there is still much that can be accomplished. I am seeking re-election because I

would love to have the opportunity to bring positive change to the community that I call home. I believe that elected officials should work for the people and not special interest groups. I have met and spoken with many residents over the past four years, and have found that they have the same beliefs that I do. As a Taylor business owner, I have learned to manage and operate a small business through the current recession, and believe that I am able to make quality decisions for Taylor.

We can continue to get through these hard economic times by working together. It is so important that we have a strong, unified council ready to make the tough decisions in the best interest of all of our residents. I promise to continue to make informed decisions, and to represent the citizens of Taylor with integrity and honesty. I would greatly appreciate a chance to serve our residents for four more years, and hopefully guide us through these challenging times.

TIMOTHY WITZ

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Dear Taylor residents:

Like you, I'm not too happy with the direction the current administration of our city is taking Taylor in. We're told that the declining numbers we're seeing in public safety and city services are necessary reductions to achieve a balanced budget. I feel that, in tough economic times such as these, your police and fire protection should be the last thing you should consider understaffing. The safety and security of our citizens should be the city's top priority.

The fireworks, an annual summer favorite that bring pride and recognition to our city, were cancelled without a single dissenting voice or vote.

Is that what we want for this great city?
I say no. I say we can do better.

There are other ways to achieve a balanced budget. ... One way would be to greatly reduce our legal fees by eliminating flagrant lawsuits on issues that should be and could be easily avoided. The "team" politics that control our current city council have allowed our legal fees to skyrocket, and made no effort to control them. I say the council should not be a team, but independent – part of the checks-and-balances system, with loyalties only to the people.

That is why I'm running, and I'll make this one pledge: to adequately provide for the public safety of our citizens and bring back our illustrious summer fireworks. Otherwise, I'll propose a bill that all elected city officials take an immediate 30% reduction in pay.

In my 30 years running a business, when budgets were tight, I was the first person to take a pay cut. It's time that elected officials cut their own salaries. Then, by feeling some of your pain, they might start managing your money more efficiently in the first place.

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Obituaries

Jason W. L. "Docy" Daugherty

Jason W. L. Daugherty of Melvindale, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the age of 36.

The son of Danny T. and the late Deborah L. (Wilson) Daugherty was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, on Friday, December 1, 1972.

Docy, as he was fondly known to family and friends, enjoyed children, playing video games, computers, watching musical programs, tattoos, cooking, and eating.

Surviving Docy are his father (Romu-

lus, MI); 2 sons, Austin and Nathaniel; 3 daughters, Alexis, Skkyar, and Angelina; a sister, Anngela J. Daugherty (Romulus); and a half-brother, James (Michele) Daugherty (Southgate, MI).

A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Mark Lee Harrison

Mark Lee Harrison of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on September 6, 2009, at the age of 46.

He was born on August 5, 1963.

Surviving Mark are his wife Angela; two children, Kali and Alana; his mother,

Barbara Harrison; two sisters, Margaret (Daniel) McRandall and Sarah (Vincent) Dubyak; a nephew, Ethan Richardson; and many other family members and friends.

Among those who preceded him in passing was his father, Donald Lee Harrison.

Larry Eugene Hixson, Sr.

Larry Eugene Hixson, Sr., of Belleville, Michigan, passed away in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Saturday, August 22, 2009. He was 67 years old.

Larry – born on Tuesday, February 24, 1942 – was a demolition worker for 40 years. He was dearly loved by all who knew him, and will be truly missed.

Surviving Larry are four sons, Robert Hixson (Detroit, MI), Christopher (Denise) Hixson (Detroit), Larry Hixson, Jr. (Romulus, MI), and William Hixson (Detroit); a daughter, Vikki Hixson (Southgate, MI); 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; 2 brothers, Charles Hixson (Detroit) and Howard Hixson (Russellville, TN); several nephews and nieces; and a very special friend, Jo Ann Pauly (Belleville).

Among those who preceded Larry in passing were his wife, Karen Hixson, an infant son; his parents, Willie "Bill" and Rena Kate (Fannon) Hixson; and a sister, Mary Catherine Baber.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 27, at Jeffers Mortuary (Greeneville, TN), with Reverend Richard Long



Larry Eugene Hixson, Sr.

officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hebron Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris Hixson, Billy Hixson, Howard Hixson, Howard Hixson, Jr., Michael Hixson, Vikki Hixson, Roger Fannon, and Kenny Fannon.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.jeffersmortuary.com or at lhixson08@aol.com.

Charles A. "Chuck" Ries

Charles A. Ries of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at the age of 66.

Chuck, as he was fondly known to family and friends, was born in Romulus on Sunday, April 11, 1943. He enjoyed repairing lawn mowers, working on cars, fishing, building things, and woodworking crafts.

Surviving Chuck are 2 sons, Charlie M. Ries (Taylor, MI) and Timothy (Cindy) Ries (Brighton, MI); 2 daughters, Teresa (David) Richard (Bruceton Mills, WV) and Lori Hines (Westland, MI); 9 grandchil-

dren; a great-grandchild; 4 brothers, Dennis (Ypsilanti, MI), Richard, Jerry and wife Patti (Algonac, MI), and Mike and wife Donna (Belleville, MI); and 3 sisters, Gale and husband Bill Weir (Ann Arbor, MI), Cathy and husband Bill (Paintsville, KY), and Linda Varner (Grass Lake, MI).

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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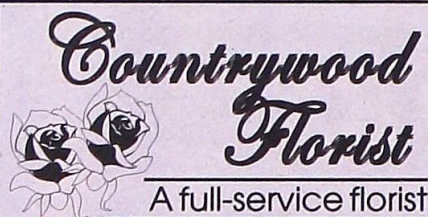
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